D. Dragunsky Matrix of Crisis

In his «Editor's Letter» Denis Dragunsky discusses the interdependency of factors that could form a full-scale national or global crisis, as well as psychological specificity of forecasting.

L. Baltovsky Constitutionalism in Political Doctrine of the People Freedom Party

The article deals with constitutional aspects of political doctrine of the People Freedom Party. Leonid Baltovsky gives special attention to political movement of constitutional democrats, arisen in sharp disputes on the themes of constitutional bolding of Russia at the beginning of the XX century.

M. Kharkevich Problematizing State as an Actor of World Politics

Maxim Kharkevich considers the definition of state as a precondition for a theory of world politics. Basing on the critics of Vendt's theory of state by English school of international relations the author comes to conclusion that the problem of ontological status of a state still remains unsolved.

E. Khodakovsky Crisis of Statehood as a Factor of Global Safety

Eugeny Khodakovsky tracks the evolution of a state as a subject of international relations and comes to conclusion that in a basis of modern crisis of statehood one can see discrepancy of potential of the state to scale of global threats to its safety. The author also examines the role and evolution of the largest overstate structures such as United Nations, NATO and EU.

R. Malayan

International Organizations in the Forming World Structure

In Ruben Malayan's article the adaptation of the leading intergovernmental organizations which have derived from Yalta-Potsdam system — UN, NATO and G8 — to the realities of forming global structure of XXI century is analyzed.

O. Zegonov

States and Mass Media in the Context of World Political Interaction

Oleg Zegonov analyzes relations between states and transboundary mass media, revealing the conflict of interests as the foundation of these interrelations: states are interested in restraining a «liberal model» of news business by promoting controllable media. At the same time «liberal» media are interested in universally acknowledged conditions of their functioning.

A. Dolinsky Foreign Telecasting at the State's Service

In the article by Alexey Dolinsky tendencies of development of public diplomacy are studied. In the focus of author's attention — international satellite channels created by the states. On the samples of Russian, French and Chinese foreign telecasting the author analyzes new model of interaction of the states and massmedia.

I. Morozov Political Extremism in Information Society

The article by Iliya Morozov is dedicated to the problem of unpredictable large-scale political extremism activization, including numerous terrorist organizations. The author takes into consideration informational-

ideological and tactical aspects of political extremism in its influence on a state of the informational safety of the political democratic system from the positions of modern methodology.

A. Dakhin

Debates About «Bronze Soldier»

Use of theoretical approaches known as «memory studies» allows Andrew Dakhin to reveal socio-cultural roots of the conflict around the monument to Soviet soldiers in Tallinn. This conflict, according to the author's opinion, is based upon processes of change of structures of collective social-historical memory.

D. Zamiatyn

Geographical Image of Russia and Post-Soviet Language Identities

The role of Russian language in the new geographical image of Russia formation at the post-soviet area is analyzed in Dmitry Zamiatyn's article. The sense of post-imperial discourse is evaluated, a cognitive model of geo-spatialism for the interpretation of post-soviet language identities is proposed.

D. Sanojan

American View on the Problem of a Genocide of Armenians

Dmitry Sanojan examines the problem of recognition/nonrecognition by the United States the fact of genocide of Armenians. The author describes discussions in American society about the resolution № 106, that recommended to admit the fact of a genocide of Armenians and to consider it in US foreign policy, as well as Turkish and Armenian reaction on the adoption of this resolution by the committee of the House of Representatives of the US Congress.

A. Patrushev

Problem of Kosovo Independence in the System of International Relations

Andrew Patrushev turns to the history of the Kosovo conflict, analyzes positions and arguments of the clashing parties, and consequences of unilateral declaration of Kosovo independence both for the region and for the world community as a whole.

A. Manoilo US Psychological Operations in Iraq

Andrew Manoilo studies peculiarities of Anglo-Saxon conflict management model. On the sample of US war in Iraq he reveals goals and methods of information-psychological wars of a new age.

A. Makarychev

Transparency in the Sphere of Natural Resources Management

Andrew Makarychev considers transparency in the sphere of natural resources management. In the focus of his attention — Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI), representing interesting, but still a lesser-known in Russia example of innovative approaches in this sphere.

A. Chesnokov From the «Compatriots» to

Fellow Citizens

A number of political and legal documents in the field of regulation of mutual relations of Russia, Kazakhstan and Ukraine with compatriots abroad (Diaspora) is analyzed by Aleksey Chesnokov. The author provides some valuable observations of national features of government policy shaping in the sphere of «compatriots abroad» in several post-soviet states.

V. Sergeev, A. Kasantsev Structures of the World Organization: Historical Typology

Viktor Sergeev and Andrew Kasantsev analyze possible types of structures of world order (in what situations arise, what factors their change depends on, whether there are laws of this change) and make an attempt to constitute their studying as a separate sub-discipline within the framework of global studies.

I. Okunev Centripetal and Centrifugal Forces on the World Political Map

Igor Okunev investigates interdependence of centrifugal and centripetal forces on the

world political map as a reflection of two leading global tendencies — integration and fragmentation.

M. Iliyin

The Baltic-Black Sea System

The article by Michael Ilyin is devoted to the Baltic-Black Sea system — a specific geopolitical entity which is located on a joint of the Western Europe and Northern Eurasia and acts as a key link in double civilization system Europe—Russia. The author examines sources of formation, stages of evolution and prospects of the Baltic-Black Sea system as a whole and forming it polities in particular.